



Non-Competitive Bid Request Single Source Justification Instructions

State of Rhode Island, Department of Administration
Division of Purchases

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Competitive procurement is the preferred method to obtain goods and services. If competition is to be restricted, or not utilized, the facts and justification supporting this must be documented in detail. Justification must be based upon unique technical or performance characteristics. Personal preference for certain brands or products does not adequately justify limiting competition.

Key Points

1. If the procurement is \$2,500 or below, neither competition nor Sole Source or Proprietary justification is required to be submitted to the Division of Purchases but must be maintained within the agency.
2. If a procurement is considered to be Sole Source or Proprietary and is estimated to be above \$2,500, Sole Source/Proprietary Procurement justification must be submitted to the Division of Purchases along with the corresponding requisition.

Definition

Single Source: A Single Source procurement is one in which two or more vendors can supply the commodity, technology and/or perform the services required by an agency, but the State agency selects one vendor over the others for reasons such as expertise or previous experience with similar contracts. Circumstances leading an agency to select this method of procurement may include, for example, an agency's need for a specific consultant firm where a number of firms are available to perform the work. In such a case, the agency can demonstrate a rational basis for selecting a single vendor because of specific factors such as past experience with a particular issue, familiarity with specific agency operations, experience with similar projects at other agencies or at other levels of government, demonstrated expertise, or capacity and willingness to respond to the situation.

Instructions

1. Complete and print the form. The form is in MSWord forms format.
2. Provide complete information. Forms lacking sufficient detail cannot be approved.
3. Sign and date the form and attach it to the purchase requisition.